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TO AMEMBASSY BUCHAREST

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FOR SIMONS FROM SCHMIDT

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OGEN

SUBJECT: OFFICIAL - INFORMAL

REF: BUCHAREST 5452 NOTAL

1. AT AN AUGUST 7 MEETING CHAIRED BY LUERS, EMBASSY'S HANDLING OF DIFFICULT INCIDENT DESCRIBED REFTEL WAS REVIEWED BY ALL CONCERNED BUREAUS IN THE DEPARTMENT. CONSENSUS OF GROUP WAS THAT EMBASSY HAD NO OTHER CHOICE BUT TO DO WHAT EVENTUALLY WAS DONE. HOWEVER, THERE IS PRESENT INCONSISTENCY BETWEEN HANDLING OF THIS INCIDENT AND THE ONE STILL GOING ON IN MOSCOW. LUERS ASKED THAT A CABLE OUTLINING AND RESTATING USG POLICY IN THIS AREA BE PREPARED FOR ALL EE POSTS AND MOSCOW WITH APPROVAL AT DEPUTY SECRETARY LEVEL AND CLEARANCE BY NSC. THIS O-I SERVES AS ADVANCE NOTICE.

2. WE ALSO CONCUR WITH THE EMBASSY'S VIEW THAT PUBLICITY,  
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INCLUDING WESTERN RADIO PUBLICITY, FOR THIS AND SIMILAR INCIDENTS COULD ENCOURAGE SIMILAR TRAGIC ACTS. THUS, WE ARE MAKING OUR CONCERNS KNOWN TO THE MANAGEMENT OF VOA AND TO THE BIB. YOU SHOULD GET A REGULAR CHANNEL MESSAGE ON THIS AS WELL. CHRISTOPHER

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